

Worshipful Master's Message

The American Flag is the symbol of our Freedom, National Pride and History. With their flags, people show who they are, and in a time of war, what they were fighting for.

We the Masons of Laurel Lodge dedicated our Flagpole and Flag to our Veterans and all Brother Masons on July 18th 2017. Through Patriotism we show our love for our country and our gratitude to our Veterans.

Guard and protect this Flag at all times for it is the symbol of every Americans way of life. The red in our nations flag is more brilliant by the blood and sacrifice of our brave defenders. The white made more spotlessly pure by the motives that impel them. And the blue on the star filled field of our banner is made more beautiful by the unity and loyalty of all its people. For LIBERTY AND JUSTICE.

I would like to Thank Brother Ken Cheeseman and the Borough of Laurel Springs for their help and assistance with the construction of our Flagpole.

Sincerely and Fraternaly
John P. Gomen
Worshipful Master

By Order of
WM John P. Gomen
Worshipful Master

Attest
WB James Weisensee, PM
Secretary



Communications for September 2017

You are cordially and fraternally requested to attend the following communications of Laurel Lodge No. 237, F&AM

Friday September 1st, 7:45 PM

Regular Business, Birthdays & Refreshment's after Lodge. A Tribute to the Flag of our Country by Brother Red Skelton

Friday, September 15th, 7:45 PM

Regular Business, Ballot, Birthdays & Refreshment's after Lodge.
A Presentation will be given by Worshipful Brother Robert Taylor: The Order of Things

A Ballot for Dual Membership

A Ballot for Initiation and Membership

DATES TO REMEMBER

Every Tuesday, 7:00 PM
Officers Rehearsal at Lodge

Friday September 1st, 7:45 PM

Regular Business, Birthdays and Refreshments after Lodge
Brother Carl Springle will present handmade gavels for the JW & SW

Friday September 15th, 7:45 PM

Regular Business, Ballot, Birthdays and Refreshment after Lodge

Friday October 20th 7:45PM

Past Masters Night

MM Degree, Regular Business, Birthdays & Refreshments
Before Lodge at 6PM

See announcement in this Trestleboard

Saturday November 18th 7PM

18th District Beef & Beer
More Detail in October TB



DLI Schedule for 2017

September 13th Rising Sun #15

October 11th Ritual Committee
Visit Merchantville #119

November 8 Qualification Teams
TBA

Master & Wardens Association
6:45PM

District Loge of Instruction 7:30PM

Great Names of the American Revolution

John Adams - (Spoke favorably of Freemasonry - never joined)

Samuel Adams - (Close and principal associate of Hancock, Revere and other Masons)

Ethan Allen - Mason

Edmund Burke - Mason

John Claypoole - Mason

William Daws - Mason

Benjamin Franklin - Mason

Nathan Hale - No evidence of Masonic connections

John Hancock - Mason

Benjamin Harrison - No evidence of Masonic connections

Patrick Henry - No evidence of Masonic connections

Thomas Jefferson - (Deist with some evidence of Masonic connections)

John Paul Jones - Mason

Francis Scott Key - No evidence of Masonic connections

Robert Livingston - Mason

James Madison - (Some evidence of Masonic membership)

Thomas Paine - Humanist

Paul Revere - Mason

George Washington - Mason

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Thank you from
Worshipful Brother Gomen!

2017 DUES NOTICE

Please note: Your dues for 2017 were due 12-31-2016. If you know or believe that you haven't paid dues for 2016 please contact the Worshipful Master or Secretary.

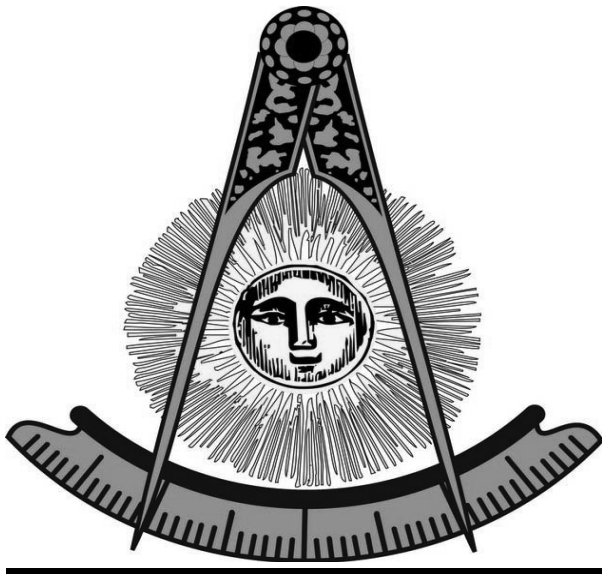
Payments: Laurel Lodge No. 237
P.O. Box 127 Stratford, N.J. 08084

Laurel Lodge #237 Past Masters Night

Friday October 20th 7:45PM

Dinner optional at 6PM \$10

Come to Lodge to Honor the Past Masters of Laurel Lodge #237. They will be conferring the Master Mason Degree upon eligible Candidates.



UP IN THE WORLD

The lodge with the highest meeting place on the globe is Roof of the World Lodge No. 1094, of Oroya, Peru. The elevation of the lodge room in the Andes Mountains is 14,167 above sea level. The closest competitor in the United States is Corinthian Lodge No. 35 at Leadville, Colorado elevation about 10,200 feet.

September Masonic Birthdays

Bro	Charles V. Osborne	1946	71
Bro	Charles W. Horle	1947	70
Bro	George H. Guenett, Sr.	1954	63
Bro	George P. Walmsley, Jr.	1961	56
Bro	Gerlad M. Rocker	1974	43
Bro	Joseph A. Armstrong	1982	35
Bro	Jeffrey S. Longmire	1989	28
Bro	Albert J. Profico Sr.	1989	28
RW	Kirk D. Nevious Jr.	1990	27
Bro	Keith A. Trieble	1990	27
Bro	Thomas S. Trieble, Sr.	1990	27
Bro	John F. Druding	1993	24
Bro	Thomas J. Peters	1993	24
Bro	Ralph E. Schwab	1993	24
Bro	Robert P. Bansch	1997	20
Bro	Ronald D. Bowker	1997	20
Bro	Raymond B. Kingett, II	1997	20
Bro	Murray C. Lightman	1997	20
Bro	Rommel P. Casibang	2012	5
Bro	Joseph S. Cvikich	2012	5
Bro	Robert S. Outlaw	2012	5
Bro	Norman C. MacFerran	2014	3
Bro	Joseph A. Cruz	2014	3
Bro	James R. Stapleton	2014	3
Summer Masonic Birthdays			
Bro	Stephen A. Hamer - August	1977	40
Bro	Frank D. Alvarado - August	1994	23
Bro	Robert W. Diechert Jr. - Aug	2006	11
Bro	Joseph G. Voight - August	2006	11
Bro	Alfred W. Huston - August	2013	3
Bro	John F. Sari - July	2014	3

**Happy Masonic Birthday from
Laurel Lodge # 237 F&A.M.**



The Grand Lodge



Most Ancient and Honorable Society
of Free and Accepted Masons for the State of New Jersey

On Saturday, Sept. 23rd, the Friends of West Hill will be hosting a Civil War "Living History" event on the grounds of the Manor House, next to Fellowship Center. President Lincoln will be there as well as a descendent of an Andersonville prisoner with many Civil War artifacts. There will be other demonstrations and games for the children. The 6th NH Volunteers will be demonstrating, camp life, drilling and firing of the muskets. The 6th NY Independent Battery will be firing an actual Civil War cannon – and it is LOUD!! The cost of the black powder used by the re-enactors is quite expensive and becoming harder to get. By permission of the Grand Master, I am asking if any individuals, Lodges or Clubs would like to help with this cost. If anyone would like to make a \$50.00 donation to help us, we will arrange for a picture of your group with the re-enactors, particularly the cannon. Anyone interested in helping, please contact Joe Rival at 609-922-4736 or gm-nj2010@comcast.net. The "Friends" is a 501c3, so donations are tax deductible.

The MCF Annual Car Show will be on the grounds next to us this year. We hope the firing of the cannon will not set off the car alarms!

Dieter B. Hees

Joseph H. Rival

Handwritten signature of Dieter B. Hees in cursive.

Grand Master

Handwritten signature of Joseph H. Rival in cursive.

Past Grand Master

**Joint Reception of the
18th & 19th Masonic Districts
Tuesday September 12, 2017**

**Official Visit of
Most Worshipful**

**Dieter B. Hees
Grand Master of Masons
State of New Jersey**



Open Reception in Honor of

**Right Worshipful George W. Niessner
Junior Grand Steward**

**Right Worshipful Todd E. Mertz
Grand Chaplain of 18th District**

**Right Worshipful Jeffrey E. Hicks
Grand Chaplain of 19th District**



Indian Springs Country Club

115 S. Elmwood Road | Marlton, NJ | 08053

5pm Cocktail Hour | 6pm Dinner | 7pm Reception

\$60 Per Person

Volunteer Services 2017

Brethren, thank you for volunteering at the Masonic Home this year.

Masonic Home Address:

902 Jacksonville Road, Burlington, NJ

October 22nd

Carpool from the lodge at 7:45

There are two services 9:30AM and 10:45AM.

We finish up about 11:30 AM

Children, family and friends are welcome.

Did You Know?

You can access

www.newjerseygrandlodge.org

for information on our Brotherhood. On the left hand side of the home page click the members only tab. For user name use the number on your blue card. The password should be your last name. If you have difficulty accessing the members only section please call NJ Grand Lodge to assist with access 609-239-3950.

Contact Status Changes

Brethren, Please remember to contact the Secretary or Worshipful Master with regard to changes to your mailing address, phone numbers, e-mail addresses etc.

Our goal is maintain our membership database as accurate as possible.

Thank you, Worshipful Master



Candidate Status

<u>Name</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Last Date</u>	<u>Next Status</u>	<u>Next Date</u>
	MM	6/2/17	Ballot for Dual Membership	9/15/17
	MM	N/A	Ballot - Affiliation	TBD
	EA	11/17/15	FC	TBD
	FC	4/7/17	MM	10/20/17
	EA	6/27/17	FC	TBD
	EA	6/27/17	FC	TBD
	EA	6/27/17	FC	TBD
	EA	6/27/17	FC	TBD
	Mr.	N/A	Petitioned	9/15/17
	Mr.	N/A	Petitioned	9/15/17

Brethren: Attention Please

This memo is directed to Brother Entered Apprentice Masons, Brother Fellow Craft Masons and Brother Master Masons who have not completed their exam work. Your Brethren are available to meet with you at our Lodge every Tuesday evening at 6PM to review and memorize exam work. Please make every effort to attend. Please note; during your committee of investigation you were asked if you were willing to spend at least one hour per week with your Brethren to study Freemasonry.

PAST MASTERS** Deceased**# Dual Member*

1922 Albert C. Stack *	1974 Robert W. Bates, PSGD
1923 Harry A. Beck *	1975 Frederick W. Knox
1923 William S. Martin # *	1976 Leroy See *
1924 Arthur Scrimshaw *	1976 John J. Eitel # *
1925 Benjamin Forrest *	1977 Roy F. Gutshall, Jr. *
1926 Elmer F. Giffin *	1978 John R. Beetle
1927 Charles B. Giffin *	1979 Charles W. Bell
1928 John T. Reif *	1980 Benjamin H. Read, Jr. *
1929 Charles V. Osborne, Sr. *	1981 Joseph H. Rival Jr., PGM
1930 Samuel G. Garrison, Jr. *	1982 Warren E. Rival, PGC *
1931 Charles P. Mills # *	1982 Ronald A. Rocco #
1932 William R. Cannon *	1983 Hugh C. Williams *
1933 Noah C. Bender *	1984 Walter C. Knett *
1934 F. Maurice Goodwin *	1984 Charles E. Oppido, Jr. # *
1935 Michael Balent, Jr. *	1985 Frank A. Applegate, Sr. *
1936 Enos J. Jarvis *	1985 Henry Bubacz # *
1937 Robert F. Ranken *	1986 Wilfred E. Wilson *
1938 John H. Fisher, Sr. *	1986 Donald L. Keppen Sr.
1939 Oscar M. Hansen *	1987 Robert F. Butler *
1940 Albert F. Neidinger PGP*	1988 William E. Hand *
1941 Lawrence E. Gardiner *	1989 Edwin W. Griffiths, Jr.
1942 B. Franklin Cope *	1990 Donald C. Lever, PSGS *
1943 Fred Humphrey *	1991 Stewart D. Walsh *
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1950 Thomas Milne *	1995 Russell R. Hoyle, Sr.
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1963 Charles F. Yost *	2003 Eugene J. Applegate
1964 Charles W. Engler, Jr. *	2004 Eugene O. Bathurst
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1968 Robert E. Walsh, Jr. *	2009 Robert E. Kunze Sr.
1969 George E. Carpenter *	2010 Craig R. Thorpe
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1971 Leonard O. Beebe *	2012 Bernard J. Madgey V DRI
1972 Robert D. Rowand *	2013 Kevin D. Kloss
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